

REMARKS

Applicants submit the present response and amendments in connection with the above-identified patent application in response to the Office Action mailed on September 7, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1–47, 49, 50, 52–59, and 61–100 are pending in the instant Application. Applicants amend independent claims 1, 24, 42, 62, 68, 75, and 79 to recite a composition that is saturated with one gas selected from a particular grouping to distinguish from incidental compositions alleged to have equilibrated with air after sufficiently long contact with ambient air conditions.

Claims 2, 25, 52, 65, and 95 have been amended to limit the selection of gases to one of the preferred gases, argon and nitrogen.

Each of Examiner's obviousness arguments relies on an argument claiming the incidental saturation of compositions with air. This is not the invention. As presently amended, no one of skill in the art would ever consider saturating the compositions of Small et al (US 2002/0037820), Torii et al (US 5,972,862), Cheung et al (US 6,235,693), Small et al (US 6,248,704), Honda et al (US 5,798,323), and Brigham et al (US 2003/0073593) with one gas selected from those claimed. These references have been reviewed and there is no suggestion to do so, nor is there a suggestion to allow the compositions to saturate with any gas.

Similarly, the Examiner's 102(b) rejection over JP 53-056203 is obviated. JP 53-056203 does not disclose, teach or suggest the use of cleaning compositions that are saturated with one of the claimed gases.

Also, the Examiner's double patenting rejections are no longer applicable, as the claims are patentably distinct from Cheung et al (US 6,235,693) and Small et al (US 6,248,704) for the reasons stated above.

No new matter is introduced by way of these Amendments and, accordingly, entry thereof is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

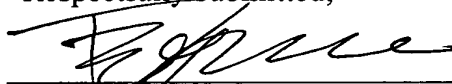
In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in good and proper order for allowance.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 843-4000.

No fee is believed owed in connection with filing of this response. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (ref. 60937-0129) for the appropriate amount. A copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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